

Extracts.

BETTER THAN A DISTINGUISHED

POLITICAL CHARACTER.

Here lies poor Dizzy.
In life as busy
With intrigue and riot,
And now at quiet!
To write a letter
His notice revealing;
It might have been better
In tone, in fact, and feeling,
Than to be like a leech,
In a "vicious" speech,
To each word of that letter,
Which in life has been better,
When in office he "plundered,"
When out of it "thundered,"
And frequently "blundered."
And so, my friend,
For he was not a leech,
But a man of great power,
To whom the world was due,
To the fame of Dean Swift,
As a writer he was
A better and cleverer
Most in fact and feeling,
And motives confounding.
When Dizzy died,
Nobody cried;
And there he lay sleeping,
—Spectator.

H. W. F.

FAMILIAR PHRASES.

The term, "Masterly inactivity," originated with James Mackintosh. "God tempers the wind to the shorn lamb," which every body who didn't suppose it was in the Bible, credited to Sterne, was stolen by him from George Herbert, who translated it from the French of Henry Estienne. "The cup that cheers but not inebriates," was "conveyed" by Cowper from Bishop Beke's "Stanzas." "Vordawort's." The child is father of the man," is quoted from Milton, and from Milton to Sir Thomas Moore. "The goodly visit, few and far between," is the offspring of an "hook"—it is not Thomas Campbell's original thought. "There's a good time coming," is Scott's phrase in "Rob Roy." And the "Almighty dollar" is Washington Irving's happy hit.

HANDS.

Profound study has led a V. D'Arpigny to the conclusion that hands represent three types: Those who have fingers with pointed tips are possessed of a rapid insight into things; are extra sensitive and pious; impulsive. To this class belong the poets and artists. To the "square" type belong scientific people, sensible, self-contained characters. The square-shaped hands—thick, with little pads of flesh on each side of the nails—are materialists, commercial, practical, with a high appreciation of all that tends to bodily ease and comfort. Each finger, no matter what the kind of hand, has also one joint—that which is nearest to the palm—representing the body, another the middle, and the third, the top, the soul. Each of these divisions corresponds with one of the types above given.

A COLD STATION ON THE POLISH FRONTIER.

A man in authority and dressed in uniform, who was assisted in his duties by a guard of soldiers or military police, at once took the whole of the passengers prisoners, and put us into a large, cold room, with sentries posted at all the doors, to prevent our going out, where we were left shivering with cold, and looking at one another. I went towards one of the doors with visions of getting a cup of hot coffee somewhere, but this movement created such cries of indignation, not only from the man guarding the particular door that I wanted to use, but also from the sentries on other doors, and from other official or military-looking people, who I thought, had nothing whatever to do with the matter, that I was obliged to give up the idea. Our passports were first examined, and then the bags, portmanteaus, boxes, and parcels of every description were opened. The head searcher appeared to get very angry when he found that I had a large number of satin scarves, and when he came to about a dozen pair of kid gloves he became perfectly furious, and scolded and gesticulated as if he were mad. I began to think that he must have lost some gloves, and that he thought, perhaps, that mine were his. He unpacked my portmanteau and dressing-bag, which had taken me such a length of time to pack up, and in an inconceivably short space of time the floor of the dirty room was strewn over with my handkerchiefs and most carefully made-up shirts. He then searched my boots, and in a magnificent manner confiscated some newspapers, or parts of old newspapers, in which some of my things were rolled up. After a delay at this bitterly cold station on the Polish frontier of about two hours, in the morning, without being able to get any kind of refreshment whatever, we were hurried into the coaches as soon as the examination of baggage and passengers had been finished entirely to the satisfaction of the searchers, if not to the searchers. As we proceeded on our journey, I thought that each nation, as we got further into the country, looked more savage than the one before it. The lower classes were the most barbarous, the savages I ever saw in my life, and, for the most part, moving masses of dirt and mud. Completely packed up in sheepskins, with their legs encased in a kind of coarse blanket bound round with thongs and cords, I could see very little of the people themselves, who, under the mass of dirty grey covering, looked as broad as long; and in external appearance, at least, they did not differ from some of the wildest nomadic tribes of this enormous and half-civilized empire. I had before this never seen such a change in the inhabitants of the south of Greece, than there is between the Greeks and the lower classes of the Franks in the neighbourhood of Thessalonica, or the Vlachos. From "A Scamp's Story" and "Jerusalem," by James Craig.

VAGABOND OF A STAMPISH.

One of the Williams' College Natural History Expedition writes a letter to the New York Post, from which the following is an extract. In going from Lynn to Nahant, we passed over that magnificent beach two miles long, so well known to all Lynn and Nahant visitors, and which, all things considered, is one of the finest beaches on our Atlantic coast. Gently sloping, smooth, covered with compacted, shining sand, it is one of the finest of bathing beaches when it is covered with the tide, and one of the finest places for driving when it is bare. The horses' hoofs and the wheels of the carriages hardly move the sand, and the tide is so perfectly on the hands on this beach compacted together. On this long beach the Lynn beach—we lingered, and here we reaped a rich harvest of shells which the old ocean had cast up. Here we found hundreds of various forms and sizes, spindle-shells and whelks, and now and then a starfish and a scorpion were scattered over the beach, and were eagerly secured by our unbuttoned collectors. And even the delicate jelly fishes were found in all their perfection where they had just been left by the waves and the tide. One of the starfishes, or "five-fingers," as they are often called, which was here secured, completely illustrated the wonderful power which these animals have of renewing portions of their body when they have been removed.

Here we found a starfish with one long arm or finger and four very short arms, the four short ones all being of one and the same length, showing to every one acquainted with these curious animals that the starfish had

lost upon a time lost four of its arms simultaneously—bitten off, perhaps, by a hungry fish—and that the animal, with only a mouth and one arm, had reproduced four arms—now smaller, to be sure—in the places from which the four original ones had been removed. And this is what starfishes are doing all the time. No wonder they keep an arm or two longer than the rest, to grow in its place. Some kinds of star-like animals are the "spike-tailed star-fishes," or brittle-stars, have the power of breaking themselves in pieces, and then the portion which contains the mouth will in time become a perfect animal.

There are some kinds of starfishes proper here this power—one kind, at least, known as *Luidia*, which lives off the coast of England—and an amusing anecdote is related of one of these by that eminent, now lamented, naturalist, Professor Edward Forbes. The learned Professor was dredging for this curious starfish, *Luidia*, and when he had secured one he laid it on one of the seats in the boat; but when he would take it to carry it home, he found that the starfish had broken itself in pieces, thus rendering it nearly worthless. Knowing that these animals are quickly regrown by being put in fresh cold water, the Professor took with him, the next day, a bucket of sea-water, and when he had secured the *Luidia* he put it into the bucket as soon as it was caught. Seeing that he had a fine one in his dredge, or net, he sank the bucket of water in the sea nearly to the top, that by a skillful movement he might transfer the *Luidia* to the cold water so quickly that the animal would be in cold water before it would have time to go to the bottom. But the *Luidia*, suspecting, for aught I know, what its intended fate was to be, immediately broke itself into many pieces, and began to disappear through the meshes of the net; and the Professor says, in his narrative of the occurrence, that he imagined that he saw on one of the pieces containing an arm a wink of defiance at the bucket into which the *Luidia* was to be put. The *Luidia* must know, no on the tips of the fingers or rays, one eye to each tip, thus enabling them to look five ways at once. But the vision is believed to be very imperfect.

INSURANCES.

BATAVIA SEA AND FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.

THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents for the above Company, are prepared to grant Insurances as follows:—

MARINE RISKS.

Policies at current rates, payable either here, in London, or at the principal ports of India, Australia, and the East.

FIRE RISKS.

Policies granted on First-class Buildings to an extent of \$20,000.

By order of the Managing Committee, AUGUSTINE HEARD & Co., General Agents, 117 Hongkong, 1st January, 1874.

CHINESE FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

AFTER this date, the Brokerage allowed by this Company on the Premium on RISKS of Goods, Wares, Merchandise, Manufactory, or other property, shall be Ten per cent. (10%) only; on ALL OTHER INSURANCES a Brokerage of thirty-three and one-third per cent. (33 1/3%) on the Premium will be allowed, as heretofore.

OLYMPHANT & Co., General Agents.

at 42 Hongkong, 5th January, 1874.

BRITISH AND FOREIGN MARINE INSURANCE COMPANY.

THE Undersigned have been appointed Agents at Amoy for the above Company, and are prepared to accept risks by first-class steamers and sailing vessels.

FODD & Co., Agents.

at 1867 Amoy, 14th November, 1873.

OFFICE OF THE CHINA TRADERS' INSURANCE COMPANY, (LIMITED).

NOTICE.

ON and after the present date, a rebate of Thirty-three and one-third per cent. (33 1/3%) will be allowed on all insurances granted by this Company.

AUGUSTINE HEARD & Co., General Agents.

at 1865 Hongkong, 1st November, 1873.

THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

HEAD OFFICE—HONGKONG.

AGENCIES at all the Treaty Ports of China and Japan, and at Singapore, Saigon and Penang.

Assets accepted, and Policies of Insurance granted at the rates of Premiums in current at the above-mentioned Ports.

JAS. B. COUGHTRY, Secretary.

Hongkong, 1st November, 1871. at 336

NOTICE.

ROYAL INSURANCE COMPANY.

THE Undersigned are prepared to grant Policies of Insurance on Fire in the above Company at current rates, subject to a discount of 20 per cent.

ROB. S. WALKER & Co., Agents.

at 1617 Hongkong, 1st October, 1873.

QUEEN INSURANCE COMPANY.

FROM and after this date, and until further notice, a Discount of Twenty per cent. (20%) upon current local rates of Premium, will be returned in the insurances against Fire, effected with this Office.

EDWARD NORTON & Co., Agents.

at 1174 25th June, 1872.

IMPERIAL FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.

FROM this date until further notice, a Discount of Twenty per cent. (20%) will be made on the Premium charged on all Insurances effected with this Office; such Return being payable on the issue of the Policy.

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co., Agents.

at 1159 Hongkong, 24th June, 1873.

VICTORIA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY OF HONGKONG, LIMITED.

THIS Company, with its Head Office at Hongkong, and Agencies at the various Treaty Ports in China and Japan, is prepared to issue Policies of Insurance, at the current rates of Premiums at the respective places.

AUGUSTINE HEARD & Co., Agents.

at 657 Hongkong, 1st April, 1871.

LIVERPOOL AND LONDON AND GLOBE INSURANCE COMPANY.

FROM this date, until further notice, a Discount of Twenty per cent. (20%) upon the current local rates of Premium will be allowed upon insurances effected with this Company.

DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co., Agents.

at 1198 Hongkong, 27th June, 1872.

TRANSATLANTIC FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY OF HAMBURG.

THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents for the above Company, are prepared to grant Insurances against Fire, subject to a bonus of 20 per cent.

SIEMSEN & Co., Agents.

at 59 Hongkong, 16th November, 1872.

INSURANCES.

NORTH BRITISH AND MERCANTILE INSURANCE COMPANY.

INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER AND SPECIAL ACTS OF PARLIAMENT. Established 1800.

CAPITAL—£2,000,000.

THE Undersigned, Agents at Hongkong for the above Company, are prepared to grant Policies against FIRE, to an extent of \$10,000 on any Building, or on Merchandise in the same, at the following rates, subject to a discount of 20%.

Detached and semi-detached Dwellings, Houses, removed from Town, and their contents, 1 per cent. annum.

Other Dwellings, Houses, used as such, and their contents, 1 per cent. annum.

Godowns, Offices, Shops, &c., and their contents, 1 per cent. annum.

SHORT PERIOD INSURANCES. Not exceeding ten days, 1/2 of the annual rate. Not exceeding one month, 1/3 of the annual rate. Above one month and not exceeding three months, 1/4 of the annual rate. Above three months and not exceeding six months, 1/5 of the annual rate. Above six months and not exceeding nine months, 1/6 of the annual rate. Above nine months and not exceeding twelve months, 1/7 of the annual rate.

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co., Agents.

at 1903 Hongkong, 2nd November, 1873.

PHENIX FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.

FROM this date, until further notice, a Discount of Twenty per cent. (20%) upon the current local rates of Premium, will be allowed upon insurances effected with this Company.

DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co., Agents.

at 1192 Hongkong, 27th June, 1872.

PHENIX FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.

THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents for the above Company at this Port, are prepared to grant Policies against Fire to an extent of \$40,000, on Buildings, or on Goods stored therein.

By order of the Managing Committee, DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co., Agents.

at 717 Hongkong, 9th November, 1869.

JAVIA SEA AND FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.

THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents for the above Company, are prepared to grant Policies against Fire to an extent of \$20,000, on Buildings, or on Goods stored therein.

By order of the Managing Committee, AUGUSTINE HEARD & Co., Agents.

at 471 Hongkong, 6th March, 1868.

MANCHESTER FIRE ASSURANCE COMPANY OF LONDON.

THE Undersigned have been appointed Agents for the above Company at Hongkong, Canton, Shanghai, and Harbin, and are prepared to grant Insurances at Current Rates.

HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co., Agents.

at 1958 Hongkong, 15th October, 1868.

IMPERIAL FIRE INSURANCE CO.

FROM and after this date, the following rates will be charged for SHORT PERIOD INSURANCES, viz:—

Not exceeding Ten days, 1/2 of the annual rate. Not exceeding one month, 1/3 of the annual rate. Above one month and not exceeding three months, 1/4 of the annual rate. Above three months and not exceeding six months, 1/5 of the annual rate. Above six months and not exceeding nine months, 1/6 of the annual rate. Above nine months and not exceeding twelve months, 1/7 of the annual rate.

By order of the Managing Committee, GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co., Agents.

at 1174 Hongkong, 1st January, 1867.

IMPERIAL FIRE OFFICE.

FROM and after this date, the following rates will be charged for SHORT PERIOD INSURANCES, viz:—

Not exceeding Ten days, 1/2 of the annual rate. Not exceeding one month, 1/3 of the annual rate. Above one month and not exceeding three months, 1/4 of the annual rate. Above three months and not exceeding six months, 1/5 of the annual rate. Above six months and not exceeding nine months, 1/6 of the annual rate. Above nine months and not exceeding twelve months, 1/7 of the annual rate.

By order of the Managing Committee, GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co., Agents.

at 1174 Hongkong, 1st January, 1867.

YANG-SZE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION OF SHANGHAI.

CAPITAL AND SURPLUS 785,000 TAELS.

POLICIES granted on Marine Risks to all parts of the World, at current rates. This Association will, until further notice, provide out of the earnings, that for an interest of 10% for shareholders, for Cash, and thereupon distribute among Policy holders annually, in cash, ALL the profits of the Underwriting Business per rata to amount of premium contributed.

RUSSELL & Co., Agents.

at 1069 Hongkong, 8th July, 1872.

CHINESE INSURANCE COMPANY, (LIMITED).

NOTICE.

POLICIES granted at current rates on Marine Risks to all parts of the World, in accordance with the Company's Articles of Association. Two-thirds of the Profits are distributed annually to Contributors, whether Shareholders or not, in proportion to the net amount of Premium contributed by each, the remaining third being carried to the reserve fund.

OLYMPHANT & Co., General Agents.

at 551 Hongkong, 17th April, 1873.

THE LONDON ASSURANCE.

INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER HIS MAJESTY KING GEORGE THE FIRST. A.D. 1720.

THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents for the above Corporation, are prepared to grant Insurances as follows:—

Policies at current rates, payable either here, in London, or at the principal ports of India, China, and Australia.

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Policies issued for long or short periods at current rates, subject to a discount of 20% allowed.

LIFE DEPARTMENT.

Policies issued for sums not exceeding \$5,000, on reasonable terms.

HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co., Agents.

at 1363 Hongkong, 25th July, 1872.

CHINA TRADERS' INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE.

IN conformity with the Special Resolutions adopted and confirmed at the Extraordinary Meetings of Shareholders held on the 1st and 15th instants, sharing Clauses Nos. 130, 131, 132, and 133 of the Articles of Association, (such changes to take effect from 1st November, 1871), the Net Profits of the Company will, from that date, be distributed as follows, viz:—

Two-thirds (2/3) to all contributors, whether shareholders or not, in proportion to the net amount of premium contributed by each.

AUGUSTINE HEARD & Co., General Agents.

at 614 Hongkong, 16th February, 1874.

INSURANCES.

THE QUEEN INSURANCE COMPANY.

FROM and after this date, the following rates will be charged for SHORT PERIOD INSURANCES, viz:—

Not exceeding Ten days, 1/2 of the annual rate. Not exceeding one month, 1/3 of the annual rate. Above one month and not exceeding three months, 1/4 of the annual rate. Above three months and not exceeding six months, 1/5 of the annual rate. Above six months and not exceeding nine months, 1/6 of the annual rate. Above nine months and not exceeding twelve months, 1/7 of the annual rate.

By order of the Managing Committee, JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Agents.

at 878 Hongkong, 25th August, 1869.

THE QUEEN INSURANCE COMPANY.

THE following rates will be charged in future for SHORT PERIOD INSURANCES, viz:—

Not exceeding Ten days, 1/2 of the annual rate. Not exceeding one month, 1/3 of the annual rate. Above one month and not exceeding three months, 1/4 of the annual rate. Above three months and not exceeding six months, 1/5 of the annual rate. Above six months and not exceeding nine months, 1/6 of the annual rate. Above nine months and not exceeding twelve months, 1/7 of the annual rate.

EDWARD NORTON & Co., Agents.

at 242 Hongkong, 22nd January, 1870.

IMPERIAL FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.

FROM and after this date, the following rates will be charged for SHORT PERIOD INSURANCES, viz:—

Not exceeding Ten days, 1/2 of the annual rate. Not exceeding one month, 1/3 of the annual rate. Above one month and not exceeding three months, 1/4 of the annual rate. Above three months and not exceeding six months, 1/5 of the annual rate. Above six months and not exceeding nine months, 1/6 of the annual rate. Above nine months and not exceeding twelve months, 1/7 of the annual rate.

By order of the Managing Committee, GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co., Agents.

at 1174 Hongkong, 1st January, 1867.

YVES.

YVES.

YVES.

YVES.

YVES.

YVES.

YVES.

YVES.

YVES.

YVES.

YVES.

YVES.

YVES.

YVES.

YVES.

YVES.

YVES.

YVES.

YVES.

YVES.

YVES.

YVES.

YVES.

YVES.

YVES.

YVES.

YVES.

YVES.

YVES.

YVES.

YVES.

YVES.

YVES.

YVES.

YVES.

YVES.

YVES.

YVES.

YVES.

YVES.

YVES.

YVES.

YVES.

YVES.

YVES.

YVES.

YVES.

YVES.

YVES.

YVES.

INSURANCES.

LONDON AND ORIENTAL STEAM TRANSPORT INSURANCE OFFICE.

137, LEADENHALL STREET, LONDON. ESTABLISHED 1848.